

Colonel Brown's time as president of the academy has been marked with many accomplishments. Some of Colonel Brown's achievements include orchestrating the building of new barracks and an accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Brown was also instrumental in forming the Wentworth Foundation, created to gather funds for capital improvements at the school.

As he prepares to spend more time with his family, I know that Members of the House will join me in expressing appreciation for his dedication to Wentworth Military Academy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF EDWARD  
DURELL STONE

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Durell Stone on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Born in 1902, Edward Durell Stone attended the University of Arkansas before becoming one of the most celebrated architects in American history. He is famous for designing recognizable buildings including the Museum of Modern Art, The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the Amoco Building in Chicago. The latter still stands as the ninth tallest building in the world.

My colleagues here in Washington, DC are very familiar with one of his designs in particular, as many of them have enjoyed concerts, plays and performances at the Kennedy Center.

Stone left Arkansas for New York City, but eventually returned to design a number of notable buildings, including the University of Arkansas's Fine Arts Center, the Medical Center Hospital in Little Rock and the Pine Bluff Civic Center.

Today, Edward Durell Stone's family are in Fayetteville, Arkansas joining the University in celebrating his life and touring the house in which he grew up in. That house, the Walker-Stone House, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is now home to my Fayetteville District Office.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to honor Edward Durell Stone and I yield back the balance of my time.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JAMES  
BLAKE OF TIFFIN, OH, A TRUE  
AMERICAN HERO

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a true hero. Since September 11, the definition of a hero has changed dramatically. People who selflessly put their lives on the line for others have always been recognized as heroes, but their deeds are even more appreciated today.

One of my constituents fits this description, James Blake from Tiffin, Ohio. Three days

after the Christmas 2001 holiday, Mr. Blake, a truck driver for Fry Foods, and his son, Zach, were traveling on Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania, returning home after a trip to New York City. Over his CB radio, he heard of an accident ahead of him caused by a snow squall. When he and his son came across the accident scene, they saw that it involved a tanker truck that was loaded with powdered iron, an extremely flammable substance. Debbie Weeda and her three children were wedged in their car under the tanker. Her car on fire, her youngest trapped, she screamed for help. Mr. Blake reacted without regard for his own safety, running to the burning car to save Dominick, age 1, who was trapped in his car seat. On his first try, he was unable to extract the child. Wielding his pocketknife, he returned a second time and cut the restraints that trapped the infant. Having extricated Dominick from the burning car, the children, their mother and the Blakes fled the scene just before the tanker exploded.

Mr. Speaker, James Blake is a true hero. Today, at a time when the forces of evil have threatened our way of life, Mr. Blake exhibited the American spirit. I thank Mr. Blake, his son, and the countless fire and rescue personnel who put their lives on the line for others. Mr. Blake, you are a truly selfless American.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES T.  
MCCAIN

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a lifelong friend and mentor, Mr. James T. McCain of Sumter, South Carolina. "Nooker" as he is affectionately known, is an extraordinary man who has contributed greatly, not only to his community and state, but the entire nation. He started his professional career as an educator. But his most lasting contributions were made as a civil rights activist. An accomplished author, his long-standing commitment to the struggle for equality is legendary throughout the nation. He is married to the former Ida M. Channault of Georgia, and they have three children.

Nooker was born on March 8, 1905 in Sumter, South Carolina, where he resides. He graduated from Morris College in Sumter, and continued his education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he received a Masters of Education Degree from Temple University. His talents were displayed over subsequent years as an outstanding educator. He held positions as a teacher, principal, college professor, registrar and dean. The Negro Educational Review nationally recognized Mr. McCain's unique abilities in 1952 when he was named Runner-up in a nation-wide Classroom Teacher of the Year project conducted.

In addition to his incredible contributions as an educator, Mr. McCain has dedicated his life to seeking full citizenship, civil rights and absolute equality for minorities in our country. Through his participation in such civil rights efforts as the sit-ins, Freedom Rides and picketing during the sixties, Mr. McCain displayed his willingness to put the good of the people ahead of his own safety. He served as Field Secretary and Director of Organization of the

Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) for nine years. His affiliation with CORE called for him to courageously work in numerous communities throughout the South during the turbulent 60's when civil rights activities were hazardous work. He later served as Director of the Citizenship, Education, Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality in South Carolina.

Mr. McCain has made his mark on the civil rights movement, not only through his actions, but also through his publications. He was an inductee into the University South Caroliniana Society, and has contributed countless volumes on the civil rights movement to the South Carolina Library. He is co-author of the publication, Political Strength: How to get it, a guide to effective community action.

Throughout his life, "Nooker" has been active in many facets of his community. His past and present professional and civic affiliations include Associate Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations; President and Treasurer, Palmetto Education Association; Vice Chairman, South Carolina Economic Opportunity Board; Coordinator Sumter Black Political caucus; Charter President, Sumter Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.; 1st Vice Chairman, Wateree Community Actions, Inc.; Boy Scouts of America; Lay Advisory Board, Sumter High School; Sumter Count Council on Aging, and the Governor's Council on Human Affairs for South Carolina. He is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor that a South Carolina Governor can bestow on an individual. He has also been recognized as the Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year for South Carolina. Mr. McCain continues his community involvement as a trustee emeritus of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing my first baseball coach and lifelong political mentor—Mr. James T. "Nooker" McCain—a Happy 97th Birthday which, God willing, he will celebrate on Friday, March 8th. I wish him good luck and God-speed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RALPH  
NEWBY

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a truly dedicated teacher at Otero Junior College, Mr. Ralph Newby. Ralph has dedicated countless hours to helping others understand and succeed in the field of computer studies at OJC. He has gone far beyond what is required in the classroom and touched the lives of his students in such a profound way that he was recently named OJC Teacher of the Year. Mr. Speaker, I feel that it is only appropriate during this moment of distinction for Ralph that we, as a body of Congress recognize his efforts.

For fifteen years, Ralph has remained dedicated and committed to his students in their pursuit of computer studies. He has consistently kept up on the ever-evolving world of computers in order to give his students the best skills for their future jobs. He is known to his colleagues and his students for his loyalty, his willingness to be involved in their lives and